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**MMS Schedules Public Hearings
on Proposed Cook Inlet Sale 149**

The Minerals Management Service will hold a public hearing to gather comments on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for proposed OCS Lease Sale 149, Cook Inlet. The DEIS was released for public comment on January 13, 1995. The comment period closes on April 19, 1995.

Hearings will be held in Anchorage on March 3, 1995, beginning at 2 p.m. at the MMS Regional Office, 949 East 36th Avenue.

In addition, on March 3, starting at 10 a.m., MMS will initiate teleconferences from Anchorage with the communities of Port Graham, Seldovia, Nanwalek, and Ouzinkie, as part of the Public Hearing process. If you have questions about where the teleconference please call our office.

The area is located between 3 and 38 miles offshore Alaska in Cook Inlet and covers approximately 402 blocks covering about 2 million acres. Water depths in the area range from 1 to approximately 1,300 feet.

For additional information about the public hearings, or if you would like to testify at a specific time at any of the public hearings, please call Ray Emerson at 907-271-6652 or the Public Affairs Office at 800-764-2627.

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